



## Nebraska Judicial Profile 2010

# Honorable Richard D. Sievers

### Judgeship

1991 – present

**Judge of the Nebraska Court of Appeals, [1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District](#)**

1991 – 1996

**Chief Judge of the Nebraska Court of Appeals**

*(Appointed December 13, 1991, by the Nebraska Supreme Court as first Chief Judge of the Nebraska Court of Appeals)*

### Experience

1972 – 1991

Lincoln, NE

**Private practice of law**

### Education

**University of Nebraska College of Law, 1972** Juris Doctorate

**Kearney State College, 1969** Bachelor of Arts

Dual minors in English and Political Science

### Judicial/Law Related Activities

#### Professional Affiliations

Nebraska State Bar Association

Committee on Mandatory Continuing Legal Education, 1994

Nebraska State Bar Foundation

Board of Directors, 2006 – present

American Judicature Society

#### Nebraska State Bar/Local Attorney Association Committees

National High School Mock Trial Championship

Board of Directors, 2006 – present

#### National Committees/Advisory Boards

Special Committee on Religious Accommodations, 2009 – present

National Advisory Council, American Judicature Society,

2007 – present

2004 Project Advisory Committee, State Justice Institute project,  
which produced publication "Reaching Out or Overreaching:  
Judicial Ethics and Self Represented Litigants" under  
authorship of Cynthia Gray, PhD.

Nebraska Continuing Legal Education, Board of Directors,  
1987 – 1993

Legal Services of Southeast Nebraska (formerly Legal Aid Society)  
President, 1987 – 1989  
Board of Directors, 1977 – 1989

### **Nebraska Supreme Court Committees**

Pro Se Litigation Committee, chairperson, 2001 – present  
Practice and Procedure Committee, liaison member,  
2004 – present

## **Honors and Awards**

**2005 Nebraska Supreme Court Outstanding Judge**, for Service  
to the Community: is the highest honor given by the Chief Justice to  
recognize members of the judiciary for meritorious projects and  
exemplary accomplishments that enhance the vision of justice within  
Nebraska communities.

### **Nebraska State Bar Association Award of Special Merit, 1996**

Given for outstanding leadership in the initial establishment and  
operation of the Nebraska Court of Appeals

**Nebraska State Bar Foundation Fellow:** Selection to become a  
Fellow in the Nebraska State Bar Foundation is based on the  
integrity and character of the lawyer/judge. The Foundation  
recognizes established legal professionals who are dedicated to  
improving the administration of justice. Fellows are accredited by  
colleagues as leaders of the legal profession who contribute to the  
charitable and community education works of Foundation.

## **Teaching & Publishing**

**Author**, "Citizens Guide to the Nebraska Appellate Courts,"  
available online and in hard copy at offices of Clerks of District Court  
statewide, 2009

**Speaker**, various education sessions for court staff and judges  
regarding Pro Se (self-represented) Litigation

**Adjunct faculty**, University of Nebraska College of Law, taught trial  
advocacy and pre-trial litigation, 1988 - 2000